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TO: OSCAR/UNIFORM TANGO ZEM T O P S E C R E T T R I N E SECTION ONE OF THREE
3/0/STY/R276-67 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY THIS
REPORT SUMMARIZES DEVELOPMENTS NOTED THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA AVAILABLE TO NSA
AT TIME OF PUBLICATION ON 28 NOVEMBER 1967. ALL INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS
BASED ENTIRELY ON SIGINT EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY INDICATED.
SITUATION SUMMARY IN SOUTH VIETNAM CONTINUED REFLECTIONS OF AN ATTACK POSTURE
WERE NOTED IN RECENT MESSAGES PASSED BY UNIDENTIFIED ENTITIES BELIEVED TO BE
ASSOCIATED WITH THE PAVN 33RD REGIMENT, PAVN B3 FRONT IN DARLAC PROVINCE OF
MILITARY REGION (MR) 5. IN THE DO XA AREA, A MESSAGE PASSED TO THE HQ, MR 5
PROVINCIAL UNIT CONTROL BY AN UNIDENTIFIED ENTITY REFLECTED ALLIED TACTICAL
ACTIVITY IN THAT PART OF THE REGION. THE PAVN 31ST REGIMENT HAS DEPLOYED TO THE
DMZ/KHE SANH AREA, A MOVE OF APPROXIMATELY 58 KM SOUTH-SOUTHEAST FROM ITS 11
NOVEMBER LOCATION. NORTH VIETNAMESE FIGHTER PILOTS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN HIGHLY
SUCCESSFUL IN REACTING TO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT ACTIVE OVER THE DRV. ALTHOUGH THESE
PILOTS ARE NOT EMPLOYING NEW TACTICS, SIGINT INDICATES THAT THEY ARE BEING MORE
SELECTIVE CONCERNING THE INTERCEPT OF HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AND ARE CAPITALIZING ON
KNOWLEDGE GAINED FROM FLIGHT TACTICS EMPLOYED BY U.S. FORCES IN THE PAST. IN
THE COURSE OF THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS (18 THROUGH 28 NOVEMBER) FOUR OR FIVE U.S.
AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN DOWNED OVER THE DRV DURING AIR ENGAGEMENTS.

I. COMMUNIST SOUTHEAST ASIA A. MILITARY 1. VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST COMMUNICATIONS-SOUTH VIETNAM MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE A WATCH COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL SERVING AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION SUBORDINATE TO HQ, PAVN 6TH REGIMENT WAS LOCATED ON 19 NOVEMBER INCENTRAL THUA THIEN PROVINCE NEAR 16-24N 107-26E (YD 688137), ABOUT 15 KM SOUTHWEST OF HUE AND APPROXIMATELY 18

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KM. SOUTHWEST OF ITS 30 APRIL LOCATION. (2/G11/VCM/R1149-67, 191310Z) (~~SECRET~~ ~~SAVIN~~) MILITARY REGION 5 IN DARLAC PROVINCE RECENT MESSAGES PASSED BY UNIDENTIFIED ENTITIES BELIEVED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PAVN 33RD REGIMENT, PAVN B3 FRONT CONTINUED TO REFLECT AN ATTACK POSTURE. INITIAL DATA INDICATES THAT A MESSAGE OF 16 NOVEMBER CONTAINED INSTRUCTIONS TO "SEND C-17 ((POSSIBLY A COMPANY OF THE 33RD REGIMENT)) AND THE RECRUITS TO CARRY 500 ROUNDS OF 82-MM AMMUNITION. ON THE 21ST OF NOVEMBER BE PRESENT AT THE TOBACCO FIELD." A 17 NOVEMBER MESSAGE PASSED BY THE SAME ENTITY--LOCATED ON 16 NOVEMBER IN NORTH-CENTRAL DARLAC (13-02N 108-05E, AQ 831425)--STATED THAT "THE ENTIRE REGIMENT IS TO RETURN FOR ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA YOU SPOKE OF," AND THAT FIELD TROOPS AND MORTAR SHELLS WERE CONCEALED. THE RECIPIENT OF THE MESSAGES IS CURRENTLY UNLOCATED. MEANWHILE, REFLECTIONS OF ALLIED ACTIVITY IN THE DO XA AREA WERE NOTED IN A MESSAGE OF 18 NOVEMBER FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED ENTITY TO THE HQ, MR 5 PROVINCIAL UNIT CONTROL. THE MESSAGE STATED IN PART THAT COMMANDOS LANDED AT POSSIBLY TABOA (15-42N 108-08E, AT 930050) AND THAT, ((OUT OF)) 12 MEN (B VAL ONE WAS CAPTURED), ONE WAS KILLED AND 10 ARE LEFT. SEND THE INTERIOR SECURITY GUARD TO SEARCH ((FOR THEM)) AND TAKE PRECAUTIONS." ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, U.S. OPERATION WHEELER/WALLOWA IS CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED IN THE QUANG TIN PROVINCE AREA. (2/G12/VCM/R1387-67, 190724Z) (~~SECRET~~ ~~SAVIN~~) MILITARY REGION 2 TWO UNIDENTIFIED VC ENTITIES--ONE LOCATED IN NORTH-CENTRAL DINH TUONG PROVINCE NEAR 10-26N 106-12E (XS 310535) AND THE OTHER UNLOCATED--HAVE BEEN NOTED PASSING ACCURATE AND TIMELY INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION IN SERIES OF MESSAGES DATING 19 SEPTEMBER TO AT LEAST 15 NOVEMBER. THE MESSAGES PRIMARILY CONCERNED ALLIED SWEEP OPERATIONS IN THE DINH TUONG AREA AND CONTAINED SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO UNIT DESIGNATORS, DATES AND AREAS OF OPERATIONS. ALL OF THE MESSAGES WERE SENT WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE SCHEDULED BEGINNING OF EACH OPERATION. 900 NNNN

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 SEPTEMBER MESSAGE REPORTED ON AN ENEMY SWEEP TO TAKE PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY
 "IN THE AREA OF LONG DINH (10-24N 106-15E, XS 380500) AND HIGHWAY 4", AND ALSO
 MENTIONED AMERICAN ACTIVITY IN THE AREAS OF "LONG TIEN (10-20N 106-09E, XS
 260420) AND TAM HIEP (10-24N 106-18E, XS 420500)." AN 18 OCTOBER MESSAGE, SENT
 TO THE POSSIBLE MY THO PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE (VICINITY OF 10-22N 105-51E, WS
 937453), REPORTED THAT SWEEP WOULD BEGIN ON 19 OCTOBER WITH TWO PROBABLE
 INFANTRY BATTALIONS PARTICIPATING, AND ALSO MENTIONED THE PLACE NAMES OF LONG
 DINH AND TAM HIEP. ANOTHER MESSAGE SENT ON 20 OCTOBER INFORMED SUBORDINATES OF
 AN ENEMY SWEEP IN WHICH "THE 11TH AND 12TH REGIMENTS AND SEVERAL UNDETERMINED
 BATTALIONS" WOULD PARTICIPATE. EACH OF THESE MESSAGES CONTAINED INSTRUCTIONS
 FOR FORWARDING TO OTHER UNIDENTIFIED ENTITIES. COLLATERAL INDICATES THAT ALLIED
 TACTICAL ACTIVITY WAS BEING CONDUCTED IN DINH TUONG DURING THESE DATES.
 (2/G10/VCM/R1500-67, 200020Z. T1532-67, 190340Z. T1531-67, 190245Z. T1530-67,
 190225Z) (SECRET SAVIN) 2. DRV COMMUNICATIONS DMZ AREA THE PAVN 31ST REGIMENT
 WAS INITIALLY REFLECTED DEPLOYING OUT-OF-COUNTRY ON 8 OCTOBER AND SUBSEQUENT
 SIGINT LOCATIONS ON 11 AND 19 NOVEMBER INDICATE THAT THE REGIMENT IS DEPLOYING
 TO THE WESTERN DMZ/KHE SANH AREA. ON 19 NOVEMBER THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS
 WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 16-26N 106-36E (XD 712182), APPROXIMATELY 58 KM
 SOUTH- SOUTHEAST OF ITS 11 NOVEMBER LOCATION. THE REGIMENT CURRENTLY
 COMMUNICATES WITH PAVN HIGH COMMAND. HQ, MILITARY REGION 4. AND AN UNIDENTIFIED
 SUBORDINATE OF PAVN HIGH COMMAND. (2/G11/VCM/R1150-67, 191532Z) (SECRET SAVIN)
 CIVIL COMMUNICATIONS INDICATIONS OF A CHOLERA EPIDEMIC, MANY CASES OF THE
 DISEASE APPARENTLY ORIGINATING WITH ANIMALS, HAVE BEEN NOTED IN MESSAGES PASSED
 ON THE DRV CIVIL NETWORK BETWEEN 10 AND 16 NOVEMBER. AFFECTED AREAS IN HA

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GIANO, LAI CHAU, NGHIA LO, NGHE AN, AND QUANG BINH PROVINCES HAVE BEEN CITED. MESSAGES OBSERVED DURING THIS TIME PERIOD HAVE MENTIONED THE EXTENT OF THE EPEIDEMIC, AS WELL AS PREVENTIVE AND COMBATIVE MEASURES BEING UNDERTAKEN. (2X/G11/VCY/R98-67, 171500Z) (~~SECRET SAVIN~~) ~~A PLATOON OF~~ FEMALE MILITIA SHOT ~~DOWN AN F4S~~ AIRCRAFT ON 18 NOVEMBER, ACCORDING TO A CIVIL MESSAGE. THE SHOOTDOWN OCCURRED IN QUANG NINH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, WHEN THE WOMEN WERE SAID TO HAVE FIRED 38 ROUNDS OF 12.7-MM AMMUNITION AT THE PLANE. (2X/G11/VCY/T299-67, 190355Z) (~~SECRET SAVIN~~) 3. LAOTIAN COMMUNIST ON 17 NOVEMBER THE NEO LAO HAK XAT PRESS/PROPAGANDA FACILITY IN SAM NEUA REPORTED ~~THAT COLONEL JOHN PETER "PURLIN,"~~ A PILOT FROM THE 388TH SQUADRON, KORAT, ~~THAILAND,~~ WAS SHOT DOWN AND CAPTURED IN HANOI ON 27 OCTOBER. THE MESSAGE STATED THAT THE COLONEL WAS SHOT DOWN WHILE FLYING HIS JET AIRCRAFT AGAINST AREA "BRAVO," AN AREA DESIGNATED BY THE AMERICANS TO MEAN HANOI. ACCORDING TO OPERATIONAL DATA, COLONEL JOHN PETER FLYNN, FLIGHT COMMANDER OF THE 388TH SQUADRON, KORAT, THAILAND, WAS SHOT DOWN OVER HANOI ON 27 OCTOBER. THE DESIGNATOR "BRAVO" IS USED BY THE U.S. TO REFER TO THE GIA LAM AREA. (2/G3/LSG/R51-67, 171345Z) (~~SECRET SAVIN~~) 4. INCREASED SUCCESS BY DRV FIGHTER PILOTS A HIGH LEVEL OF SUCCESS HAS BEEN ENJOYED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE FIGHTER PILOTS REACTING TO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT ACTIVE OVER THE DRV FROM 18 THROUGH 28 ~~NOVEMBER.~~ SIGINT HAS REVEALED THAT FOUR OR FIVE U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE DOWNED ~~DURING AIR~~ ENGAGEMENTS WITHIN THAT TIME FRAME. MOREOVER, ALTHOUGH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE NOT EMPLOYING NEW OF UNUSUAL TACTICS, SIGINT INDICATES THAT THEY ARE BEING MORE SELECTIVE IN THE INTERCEPT OF HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AND ARE EXPLOITING PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED FLIGHT PROFILES EMPLOYED BY U.S. FORCES. 900
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NOVEMBER TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE-PILOTED MIG-21.S, STAGING FROM PHUC YEN AIRFIELD,
~~SHOT DOWN~~ TWO U.S. F-105.S WITH AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES IN THE VICINITY OF 21-25N
104-50E. ON THE MORNING OF 19 NOVEMBER TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE- PILOTED MIG-21.S
DEPARTED PHUC YEN AND PROCEEDED SOUTHWARD TO 19-55N 105-45E AND THEN
NORTHWESTERLY TOWARDS THE LAOTIAN BORDER IN AN ATTEMPT TO INTERCEPT HOSTILE
AIRCRAFT. A BRIEF ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE DRV/LAOS
BORDER AREA, EXTENDING SEVERAL MILES INTO LAOS, DURING WHICH TWO AIR-TO-AIR
MISSILES WERE FIRED BY THE MIGS. SIGINT DID NOT REFLECT DAMAGE TO EITHER SIDE.
THE TWO DRV JET FIGHTERS RECOVERED AT KEP AIRFIELD. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME DRV
FIGHTERS HAVE VENTURED SOUTH OF THE 20TH PARALLEL SINCE 17 JULY. THREE HOURS
LATER ON THE 19TH, FOUR NORTH VIETNAMESE- PILOTED MIG-17.S ENGAGED AT LEAST
FOUR U.S. F4.S IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY FIVE NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF
HAIPHONG. DURING THIS ENGAGEMENT ONE OF THE MIG-17 PILOTS STATED, "SEE THEM,
ONE AIRCRAFT IS SHOT DOWN." THIS WAS IN PROBABLE REFERENCE TO ~~THE SHOOTDOWN OF~~
~~AN F-4.~~ HOWEVER THE METHOD OF DESTRUCTION WAS NOT INDICATED. ON 20 NOVEMBER
~~THE PHUC YEN-BASED~~ NORTH VIETNAMESE- PILOTED MIG-21.S CONDUCTED AN UNIDENTIFIED
TYPE OF FLIGHT WHICH EXTENDED SEVERAL MILES OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN IN AN AREA
SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF HAIPHONG. BOTH AIRCRAFT DEPARTED THE DRV LAND MASS IN THE
VICINITY OF 20-25N 106-38E, ASSUMED A NORTHERLY HEADING AND THEN FLEW BACK
OVER THE DRV IN THE VICINITY OF 20-45N 106-30E. BOTH AIRCRAFT SUBSEQUENTLY
RETURNED TO PHUC YEN. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF SIGINT FOR THE EVENING OF 20
NOVEMBER INDICATES THAT TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE-PILOTED MIG-21.S SHOT DOWN ONE,
~~POSSIBLY TWO~~ F-105.S IN THE VICINITY OF 21-35N 105-00E. (2) [REDACTED] VCK/R82-67,
192250Z. 2/H3/VCK/R211-67, 190034Z AND FOLLOW-UPS THERETO. 2/H3 [REDACTED] VCK/R45-67,

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